

VIP (Volunteers-in-Parks)

Longfellow House–Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site



Job Title: Education Program Assistant

Location: Longfellow House–Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site

Project Duration: Ongoing Hours Per Week: 4+ Hours Per Month: 16+

Description of Duties:

Situated in Cambridge, MA, Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters NHS preserves the home of Henry W. Longfellow, one of the world's foremost 19th century poets. The house also served as headquarters for General George Washington during the Siege of Boston, July 1775 – April 1776. Volunteer assists park staff in conducting curriculum-based education programming at the site. Duties may include set-up, clean-up, leading tours, and facilitating art and/or poetry workshops. Role will be determined by experience and an evaluation of skills in educating and interacting with students. Training will be provided.

Benefits to VIP:

- Experience working in a national park setting and being a part of a small cadre dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of cultural, historic, and/or natural treasures.
- Come into contact and communicate with students from diverse origins and cultures.
- Build basic skills in delivering education programs and formal interpretation.
- Uniform is provided.

Goal/Outcome of Job: To participate in building recognition of site relevance, interest in National Parks, and appreciation of poetry and art among youth through curriculum-based education programming.

Knowledge/Skills/Experience Desired: Volunteers should possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills and willingness to learn about Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters NHS. Some experience working with children is desired.

Special Requirements: For more information on education programs at Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters NHS, visit: www.nps.gov/LONG/ForTeachers/index.htm